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## MAKE IDLENESS ODIOS.

THROUGHOUT his message to the extraordinary session of the West Virginia Legislature Governor Cornwell maintains an attitude of courteous deference to a coordinate branch of the state government, but at one point he speaks right over the heads of the lawmakers to the people. That is when he says:

"Idleness must be penalized. Public sentiment should be so aroused that it will be impossible for the idle person to live content in any community. In this crisis idleness is unpatriotic. The early Colonists adopted the rule: 'Those who do not work shall not eat.' We may not want to enforce that rule by legislative enactment now, but some appropriate measure should be passed dealing with the problem, and public sentiment should be invoked to drive the loafer to the field, the factory or the mine."

This is an eminently correct view. Public opinion must make idleness odious. Doubtless the legislature will promptly give the Governor any laws that he may deem necessary along this line, but such laws will speedily become dead letters unless they have the sanction of popular approval. Public opinion is stronger than courts and peace officers. At a time like the present it should set its face sternly against the loafer—the rich loafer as well as the poor one.

## PRODIGAL OF WORDS; PROLIFIC OF DELAYS.

AT Washington yesterday the Senate indulged in an hour or more of what The Associated Press correspondents, who usually choose their words with considerable care, called "unrestrained wrath" over the actions of food gamblers and speculators—but they did not do a thing. Congress in both branches is prodigal of wrath, high sounding words and other futile performances, but it is almost as impotent as the crazy government of Russia when it comes to acts.

President Wilson signed the resolution declaring a state of war to exist between this government and the government of Germany on the sixth day of April. This is the fifteenth day of May. Exactly thirty-eight days have gone by since we went upon a war basis, legally speaking, yet the only thing that Congress has done in that time is to pass the bills authorizing the war bond issue.

Is it to be wondered at that the Central powers refuse to take us seriously? At this rate they could catch up some kind of peace with their active opponents and turn their whole strength upon us before we can get out of the parliamentary slough that we have fallen into. The American friends of Germany during the days when we were trying our best to keep out of the war used to deluge Congress with letters and telegrams telling the members and senators what to do. Will it be necessary for patriotic

Americans to adopt the same policy before we can get any action out of what we have a right to expect is an intelligent and thoroughly loyal body?

We might try at all events the effect of a little pointed advice. Write to the West Virginia representatives in both branches of Congress and tell them what you think of the delay.

## THE MEXICAN MENACE.

PROBABLY to prove that nothing is ever so bad that it could not be worse, now that the country is waking up to the realities of the war with Germany Former Senator Beveridge, of Indiana, has written a very interesting article for this week's Collier's in which he shows how troublesome Mexico could be if its pompous old president should fall into the German trap and begin hostilities against the United States.

Our southern flank is a weak spot, and it would cause us no end of trouble to take care of the Panama canal if Mexico should elect to strike at us, but there is some grim satisfaction in knowing that the ultimate result of such an eventuality would be to wipe the Republic of Mexico off the map. There is much of Mexico that we could use in our business. The northern states are fine territory, richly endowed with mineral wealth. Millions of dollars of American capital are already invested there and until the long drawn out reign of revolution and anarchy began many Americans were living in that region. Extreme southern Mexico is the home of the sisal, which is so highly important to the agricultural interests of this country, and other tropical products of great value.

From an economic standpoint it would pay us richly to annex both ends of Mexico and about the only thing that kept us from doing it long ago is the scrupulous American regard for the integrity of other nations; the strongly held belief that every people should be permitted to govern themselves in their own way. If the Mexicans now become international opportunists and attack us at a time which may easily seem to them to be an hour of weakness they will forfeit all claim to consideration and to forbearance and we will be free to put an end forever to the menace of a possibly hostile neighbor on our southern boundary without in the slightest impairing our repeated pledges to the rest of Latin America.

## ECONOMY AT COMMENCEMENT.

THE social features of the commencement season are dear to the hearts of students of both sexes, and it would be an entirely gratuitous, and probably unwelcome interference upon the part of an outsider to attempt to advise the young women and men of the Fairmont Normal school regarding the course they should pursue in the controversy that has arisen regarding the parties and receptions which are the usual order, yet it may not come amiss to point out that the advocates of moderation who take that stand on the ground that every possible economy should be practiced at this time have a strong case.

If the experience of England is any criterion ordinary conditions in this country are going to be profoundly disturbed when we actually get upon a war basis. No individual can anticipate how the changes are actually going to react upon his or her personal affairs. Money spent now for party dresses, for flowers and the other little details of commencement week frivolities might come in very handy before the summer is over.

Young gentlemen who go to Washington to visit War department officials may be deceiving themselves, but they do not go there "to obtain advice as to how they can serve the country best," but to see how the country may be made to serve them best. At this late day young men who did not have the foresight to prepare themselves for command through the Plattsburg plan, service in the guards or by military courses in the colleges, yet who do not want to wait for the regular call can go to Pittsburgh and join Colonel Jadwin's regiment of engineers.

Yesterday the Senate voted both the censorship and the anti-boose sections out of the espionage bill and then passed it, but that does not settle either one of these disputed points. Yet the bill was under consideration for about five weeks in that body.

The Memorial day committee got down to work yesterday and decided to make the celebration of the day here one of the notable events in this state. The committee members will find the people eager to cooperate with them in anything they may undertake.

Rabbi A. H. Silver, of Wheeling, who will lecture at the Court house this evening on "The Opportunity of West Virginia Jewry," is a young man, but he has rapidly forged to the front among the Jewish pastors of the country, and whatever he has to say this evening will be said in an interesting manner.

According to Washington advices 40,000 men are now training to be leaders in the new army. If an army could be entirely composed of officers Mr. Bryan's justly celebrated million volunteers over night would become a reality.

Judging by the tenor of bills introduced at Charleston curbstone posing and similar expedients to kill time will have to be classed as hazardous occupations in this state before very long.

Frantic efforts being made in Chicago and Kansas City lead to the suspicion that a lot of grain speculators are certain that they would not have much chance to stay out of jail if the authorities made a real effort to get to the bottom of their business.

## SHORT AND SNAPPY.

That there was no frost on the pumpkin this morning was the pumpkin's fault.—Spencer Times-Record.

Strike while the iron is hot. That means a whole lot. It means you must do the right thing at the right time. Do today's work today—not next week.—West Virginia News.

We'd like to see the soldiers clean out both Water street and Jackson street.

Somebody has to and the Mayor won't.

Mayor Neely used to but things are different now.

It's funny the amount of "patriotism" the draft bill caused to spring from the ground.

Everybody wants to be an officer.

"Kaiser sends for Yankee dentist."

—N. Y. World.

Has it come to this? Is the Kaiser putting the Americans at drill?

Germany is going to win the war—the German papers say so.

Carrying liquor in life belts to Virginia.

Life saver is the right name.

Carry me back to old Virginia. We want to be near the War Department so we can get an easy job.

The boys in the National Guard will soon be first class soldiers and will deserve credit for their nerve.

The Chicago murder case shows what uplifting Theda Bara is capable of.

Castle Shannon attacked and died without surrendering.

We're at war with Germany.

ORGANIZED BODIES.

All organized bodies are requested to join with the G. A. R. in celebration of Memorial day; each should name one to three members at once and report same to the secretary without delay.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ALBERT J. KEHN, Sec.

## OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE

(BY CONDO.)



## WASHINGTON NEWS GOSSIP

By CHARLES BROOKS SMITH.

Edward Neely, president of the Wood County Bank at Parkersburg, en route home from New York where he attended a meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers' Association, he being the West Virginia member of the council, was in conference with members of the shipping board at the Navy department Saturday. He was representing a lumber brokerage company of Parkersburg, which is after a contract to supply the government with big timbers for the standardized wooden ships which are to be built as an offset to the shipping losses due to the activities of the German submarines.

George R. Jackson, up till two years ago a resident of Parkersburg, where he was born, came to Washington to interest Congressman Reed in his ambition to secure a second lieutenant's commission in the marine corps. Mr. Jackson who is a young man, took military training and studies while conducting a brokerage business in New York city during the last two years. He was a curb operator and "cleaned up" handsomely. Now he is not only ready, but decidedly anxious, to see some real fighting in this war, and that is what brought him to this city. Mr. Reed is giving him every possible assistance to enable him to realize his ambition. Jackson is a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Parkersburg.

Applications for pensions have been filed with the Pension Commissioner by Senator Sutherland for Jane Jackson, or Diana, and Elizabeth Jackson, of Weston. He filed additional evidence also in support of the pending claims of Susan Blaham, of Manheim, and Rachel E. Martin, of Monongah.

Cyler O. Meeds, of Hardy county, visited the Bureau of Fisheries on Saturday with Congressman George M. Bowers and came away with a temporary appointment to accompany a stock car into the West as far as Colorado. Having been chief of the great bureau for twelve years, Congressman Bowers succeeded to this favor quite easily.

George E. Fisher, of Weston, who was formerly in the railway mail service is an applicant for reinstatement. Congressman Reed paid a visit to the chief of that service at the Post Office department and put up a strong argument for the reinstatement of Mr. Fisher.

Charles F. Trump, of Morgantown, has been recommended by Congressman Bowers for appointment in the quartermaster's department of the officers' reserve corps.

Grover A. Moran has been commissioned postmaster at Porterswood, W. Va., his commission dating from May 10th.

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is well acquainted with. It has been going on for years. The cause of it is that West Virginia can mine coal cheaper than any other state. The fact that most of the mines of the state are not unionized, while Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and other competitive states are, was another cause of the controversy.

The West Virginians who have been indicted in New York are all among the most prominent business men and developers that the state has. They have always stood high in the estimation of the people of West Virginia who, on more than one occasion, have rallied to their defense, and that of their business, when competitors from surrounding coal-producing states have attempted to undermine their business and embarrass their operations. At such times, their business affairs became the state's and justly so, for coal is the main product. It is quite natural, in view of what has gone on before and because of the familiarity of West Virginians with the coal situation, that opinion in that state stands solidly back of a belief in the innocence of these men, and that their trial will so prove.

## Editorial Comment

on Current Subjects

### LANSING'S CENSORSHIP.

From the New Republic.

The first taste of censorship is not encouraging. Secretary Lansing has muzzled every official of the State Department except himself and a month-old, unauthorized one-man "Bureau of Foreign Intelligence." Henschforth officials who have grown up in the diplomatic service, who have held posts in Europe, Asia, South America are forbidden to talk with newspapermen. They have been denied the opportunity to guide and direct the press, to supply the necessary background and interpretation of the globe, out of their own superior opportunities for knowledge, in order to interest and educate the public. From now on it will be impossible for a man anxious to clear up a complicated question on China to go to the one official in the department who knows anything about China and get the information. What the American people henceforth will depend on one man, a Secretary of State who, whatever his own abilities, has shown an utter ignorance of publicity. The nation which has entered this war against autocracy, which has claimed to stand for a democratic open diplomacy, asks its citizens to make enormous sacrifices, to accept universal service in a cause which apparently cannot bear the light of publicity. Obviously, the situation gives pause. No part of the government is so secretive and so obstructive to news as the State Department. It is a fact that the correspondents who went by invitation of the Department on the trip with the French mission telegraphed to their offices asking to be recalled because of the obstructions placed in their way. It is a fact that news of the arrival of the French mission was held up one hour and a half while an authorized official was being sought to see if it might be published. It is a fact that the Department asked the press not to print articles dealing with the policy of the government without securing the approval of the Department, and then refused to make it possible to get that approval. And more alarming still is Secretary Lansing's own admission that as yet there have not been any serious leakages of news but that he has taken this drastic step because he fears there may be. He has repudiated in practice the whole theory of frankly presenting his department's claims for public support which is supposed to underlie the recently organized publicity bureau of the federal government.

### Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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By GENE AHERN.

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Nope, Hec, a couple of colonel vacancies open if you'd care to take one.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—Weigh 340 pounds, how are chances of squeezing through examinations?—Al Lean.

Slim Al, might line up as ballast for an observation balloon.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I'm a janitor. Am I all right for the army?—Felix Inasmia.  
Fine Felix, you ought to make a cool fighter. You'll like the job. When they want you to go to bed they give the taps on a bugle instead of the taps you've been used to on the steam pipes to quit snoring and shuffle up some steam.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I'm a milk man. What branch of the service would you advise me to go in?—Hank Dew.  
The navy. Ha! Ha!—Ed.

Dear Ed.—Have a laugh on me. This morning when I came down to work (Bum joke, out short by editor).—Clarence McNut.

Tell it to a recruiting officer. Let him have the laugh on you.—Ed.

Dear Ed.—I hear there's a war. Is that true?—M. T. Dome.  
That's news to us. Somebody's been kidding you.—Ed.

## LAUREL POINT.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jamison and children spent Sunday with Mrs. S. J. Stevens.

Joe, the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Boyers, suddenly lost the use of one of his lower limbs while playing about ten days ago. Dr. Rinehart was called and found his hip was dislocated.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, of Point Marion, were visiting Charles Martin Sunday.

Many friends of Mrs. Lucy E. Jones called upon her on the evening of May 11, it being her forty-fourth birthday. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, oranges and home-made candy were served. Miss Lottie Willard, who is staying with Mrs. Jones for a while, prepared the candy which was excellent. A very pleasant evening was spent with Mrs. Jones and sons, Wilbur, Paul and Chester. Music with the piano, violin and mandolin was one diversion of the evening.

Carl Martin and wife, of Weston, were guests of friends here last Sunday.

Ralph Hess and wife, Otto Newbraugh, Frank and Guy Mercer and Wilbur Jones attended the auto race at Uniontown.

The little eighteen-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bailly had her shoulder dislocated by her little brother. Dr. George Hinchant was called and gave necessary treatment.

The many friends of Ella Powell will be glad to learn that there is a slight improvement in his condition of health.

Miss Mary Stevens attended an executive meeting of the W. C. T. U. at Morgantown last Saturday.

J. H. Thompson, of Morgantown, was here Sunday. He expects to move to his country home here just as soon as his wife is able. Mrs. Thompson has had a severe attack of pleurisy.

Georgia Baker has returned to Fairmont after spending a few days with her mother.

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## RUFF STUFF

BY RED

"Legislature prepares for war!"  
Yep; by raising flags and shouting Huzzah!

"School girls wear pasted American flags on their bare necks."  
Real desecration of the flag we consider.

Flags were not meant to be used as neck warmers.

We learned today that West Virginia is going to help the United States in its war with Toothache Wilhelm.

We notice many of the big colleges are cutting athletics and trying to do some good for the country.

Provost guard or no provost guard